



WHEN MATT MURDOCK WAS A KID, HE LOST HIS SIGHT IN AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING A TRUCK CARRYING RADIOACTIVE CHEMICALS. THOUGH HE COULD NO LONGER SEE, THE CHEMICALS HEIGHTENED MURDOCK'S OTHER SENSES AND IMBUED HIM WITH AN AMAZING 360-RADAR SENSE. NOW MATT USES HIS ABILITIES TO FIGHT FOR HIS CITY. HE IS THE *MAN WITHOUT FEAR*. HE IS...

DAREDEVIL

DAREDEVIL USED TO MENTOR A YOUNG MAN NAMED SAM CHUNG, WHO CREATED A SUIT THAT TURNED INVISIBLE. CALLING HIMSELF BLINDSPOT, TOGETHER, HE AND DAREDEVIL TOOK DOWN THE GANGSTER KNOWN AS TENFINGERS AND RESCUED SAM'S MOTHER. SOON AFTER, SAM WAS BLINDED IN A FIGHT AND DISAPPEARED.

NOW, DAREDEVIL IS IN CHINA AFTER RECEIVING A CALL FOR HELP FROM SAM. ONCE THERE, MATT DISCOVERED A TEMPLE HIDDEN IN THE MOUNTAINS AND WAS IMMEDIATELY OVERWHELMED BY THE HAND.

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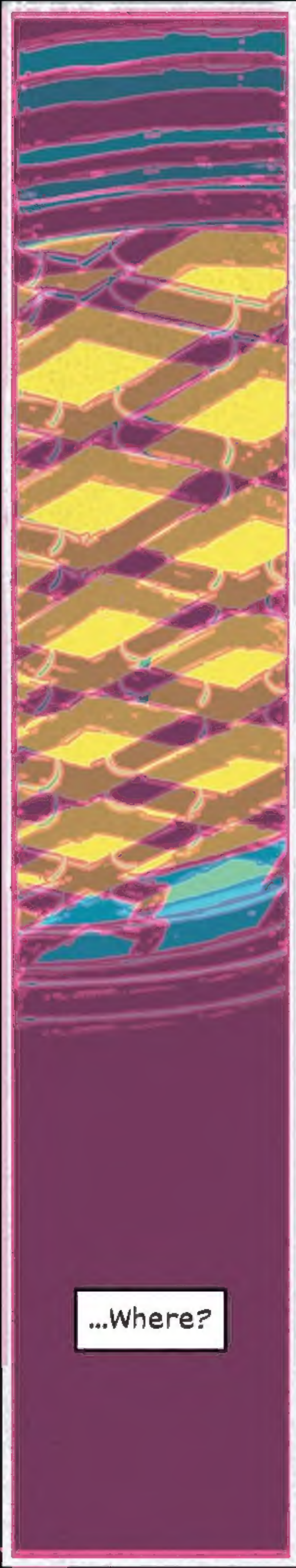
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I...I'm here.



...Where?



My mask.



I remember... that voice.

TAKE HIM.



That voice.


YOU'RE MATT MURDOCK.



Blindspot.

DON'T
KNOW WHY I
DIDN'T SEE IT
BEFORE.

GUESS
I REALLY WAS
BLIND.



OR MAYBE
YOU'RE A REALLY
GOOD LIAR.

I *was* going to tell him...
I did want him to know,
he was my *apprentice*,
he deserved to know...but
this isn't how I wanted
him to find out.

After he beat me half to
death and threw me in a *pit*.

ARE YOU ACTUALLY BLIND? OR WAS THAT JUST ABOUT THROWING PEOPLE OFF THE TRACK ON YOUR IDENTITY?



SORRY TO HEAR THAT. I WAS BLIND FOR A WHILE. I DIDN'T LIKE IT.



YOU'RE NOT... YOU CAN SEE? BUT MUSE TOOK YOUR EYES. I WAS THERE. HOW...

SEEMS PRETTY DAMN ELABORATE, IF THAT'S WHAT IT--

I'M BLIND.



I'M GLAD YOU ASKED, MR. MURDOCK. IT'S A GOOD STORY. THAT'S WHY I'M HERE.

IT'S WHY YOU'RE HERE, TOO.

I WANT TO TELL YOU MY LIFE STORY.



THE SECRET ORIGIN OF BLINDSPOT.



"I WAS BORN IN CHINA--MAYBE ALL THAT MEANS TO YOU IS THAT I WASN'T BORN IN THE U.S.

"CHINA'S NOT ALL ONE PLACE, THOUGH, ANY MORE THAN AMERICA. DIFFERENT REGIONS HAVE DIFFERENT CULTURES, FOOD, ALL OF IT.

"LIKE TEXAS AND NEW YORK. NOT THE SAME.

"I LEFT CHINA WHEN I WAS LITTLE. I WON'T PRETEND I'M AN EXPERT--BUT I KNOW I WAS BORN SOMEPLACE RURAL, FARM COUNTRY.

"I REMEMBER CHICKENS, AND I REMEMBER MY MOM--BEING WITH HER WHEN SHE WORKED.

"SHE HATED THAT VILLAGE. HATED IT. SHE WAS NEVER REALLY A FARM GIRL.

"YOU'VE MET HER--REMEMBER? LU WEI? SHE WAS AT TENFINGERS' TEMPLE."

AIEEE!

AND THERE HE IS. RIGHT ON TIME.

That scream...I heard that before. That was *Tenfingers*. But *Tenfingers* is dead.

Isn't he *dead*? Can't think...can't...



"ANYWAY--AS SOON AS SHE COULD, SHE MOVED US TO THE CITY. JUST HER AND ME. LEFT EVERYTHING BEHIND."

"I'D NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT. SHE HADN'T EITHER, AND I'M SURE SHE WAS SCARED, NERVOUS...THAT DIDN'T STOP HER, THOUGH."

"SHE WAS LIKE THAT."

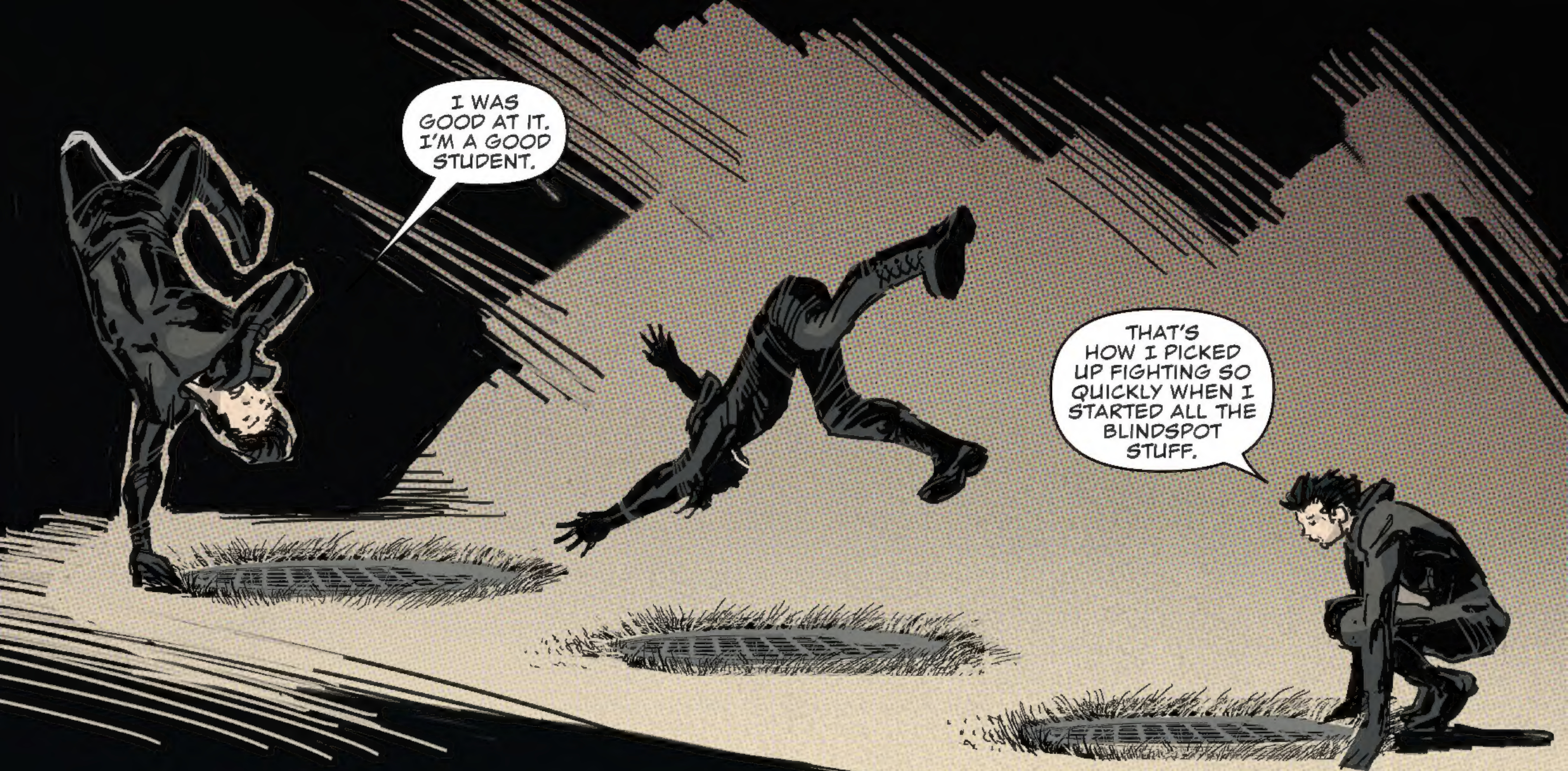


"I WAS A KID, RIGHT? AND KIDS HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL."

"MY MOM ENROLLED ME IN A PLACE THAT TRAINED KIDS TO BE ACROBATS FOR THE PEKING OPERA."

"THE REALLY GOOD ONES MAYBE GOT TO BE MOVIE STARS. JET LI, JACKIE CHAN--THEY CAME FROM SCHOOLS LIKE THAT."

"I STILL REMEMBER A LOT OF THE MOVES."



I WAS
GOOD AT IT.
I'M A GOOD
STUDENT.

THAT'S
HOW I PICKED
UP FIGHTING SO
QUICKLY WHEN I
STARTED ALL THE
BLINDSPOT
STUFF.



OR MAYBE YOU
THOUGHT IT WAS
BECAUSE YOU WERE
SUCH A GREAT
TEACHER?



"THAT'S WHERE I STAYED, AT THAT DAMN
SCHOOL, GETTING BROKEN APART EVERY
DAY AND PUT BACK TOGETHER AGAIN..."

"IT WASN'T EASY, BUT IT
WAS A PATH, AND MY
MOTHER WENT THROUGH
A LOT TO MAKE SURE
I WAS ON IT.

"UNTIL SHE THOUGHT
SHE'D FOUND US A
BETTER PATH.



"SHE FOUND A SNAKEHEAD--
A PEOPLE-SMUGGLER."



"SHE GAVE HIM EVERY
YUAN SHE HAD TO GET
US TO THE U.S."



"THAT PART..."

"...YOU KNOW..."



"...I DON'T REALLY
WANT TO TALK
ABOUT THAT PART."



That *scent*...
what is that?
Strong, like
evergreen,
but there's...
something...
else...



WE'LL PICK
THIS UP LATER.
HAVE A GOOD
REST, MR.
MURDOCK.



AEEEEEE!

Tenfingers.
But...isn't
he dead?



WHERE
WERE WE?



"OH,
YEAH."



"AMERICA."

"MY SISTER HANNAH WAS BORN A FEW YEARS AFTER WE GOT HERE.

"DON'T KNOW WHO MINE WAS EITHER.

"WE DON'T KNOW WHO HER DAD WAS, AND MY MOM NEVER TOLD US.

"MY MOM WAS NEVER TOO BIG ON EXPLAINING.

"ANYWAY, HANNAH WAS BORN HERE. THAT MAKES HER A CITIZEN. NOT ME.

"MAKES A DIFFERENCE, MR. MURDOCK.

"THAT WAS LIFE FOR A WHILE.

"DREAMING THAT AMERICAN DREAM.

"AND THEN...

"...TENFINGERS.

"HE MOVED IN ON CHINATOWN. MOVED IN ON MY MOM. PROMISED HER AN EVEN **BETTER** PATH-- ALL SHE EVER WANTED.

"SHE WAS AN EASY TARGET FOR A GUY LIKE HIM."

AIEEEEE!

ALL THAT POWER HE SEEMED TO HAVE.

DIDN'T DO HIM MUCH GOOD, IN THE END.

THE BEAST BRINGS TENFINGERS BACK EVERY NIGHT, THEN TEARS HIM APART AGAIN. LETS HIM REMEMBER EVERY TIME.

THE BEAST LIKES THEM HOPELESS. SAYS IT TASTES BETTER.

Every night? How...how long have I been here?



Alfred!



"MAN, I LOVED IT
BACK THEN. FIGHTING
CRIME WITH DAREDEVIL!
BIG LEAGUES RIGHT
OUT OF THE GATE.

"I TRIED TO DO
MY BEST FOR YOU,
YOU KNOW?

"DON'T LET
ANYONE ELSE
DIE."

"DON'T DIE."

"IN THAT
ORDER."



"IT WAS NICE--THAT
TIME. WORKING WITH
YOU...I'D NEVER
REALLY HAD THAT.

"FILLED A HOLE I DIDN'T
EVEN KNOW I HAD.
YOU WERE LIKE MY...

"ANYWAY.



"THEN MUSE TOOK
MY EYES.

"I TOLD YOU IT WAS WORTH IT.
BUT WHAT WAS I SUPPOSED
TO SAY? I'D HAVE TRADED
ALL THOSE PEOPLE I SAVED
JUST TO KEEP MY SIGHT?

"MAYBE JUST ONE OF
THEM? OR TEN? LYING
IN THAT BED, BANDAGES
ON MY EYES, THAT'S ALL
I THOUGHT ABOUT.
HOW MANY?"



THREE,
MR. MURDOCK.
THAT WAS THE
NUMBER I CAME
UP WITH.

I WOULD
HAVE LET THREE
OF THOSE PEOPLE
DIE TO SAVE MY
EYES FROM
MUSE.



MY MOM
BROUGHT ME
HERE. TENFINGERS
TOLD HER ABOUT WHAT
LIVES HERE, WHAT IT CAN
DO. HE WAS **TERRIFIED**
OF THIS PLACE.
HE WAS RIGHT
TO BE.

THERE'S
POWER HERE,
THOUGH, AND MY
MOTHER KNEW
IT.



"SHE BROUGHT ME
HERE, AND THEN SHE
SOLD HER SOUL TO
THE BEAST SO IT
WOULD GIVE ME
BACK MY EYES.



"CAN YOU
IMAGINE
THAT?

"HER SOUL,
MR. MURDOCK.



"THE BEAST LIVED UP
TO ITS END OF THE
BARGAIN.

"HE LET ME
SEE AGAIN.

"BUT EVERYTHING
LOOKS SO DARK."



"I LEARNED THINGS
HERE, TOO. THE BEAST
TAUGHT ME A LOT."

"LIKE I SAID..."



"...I'M A GOOD
STUDENT."



THERE,
I THINK THAT'S
EVERYTHING.



NOW
YOU KNOW
WHY YOU'RE
HERE.



YES. NOW
I KNOW.



He
wants my
help.



Or he wouldn't
have...he
wouldn't...

...WOULDN'T
HAVE GIVEN ME
THIS.

Time
to go.

...SAM.

...HELP...

HAVE
TO...

Take your
time, Matt.
Nothing but
time. Don't
rush it.



That was...
harder than it
should have
been.



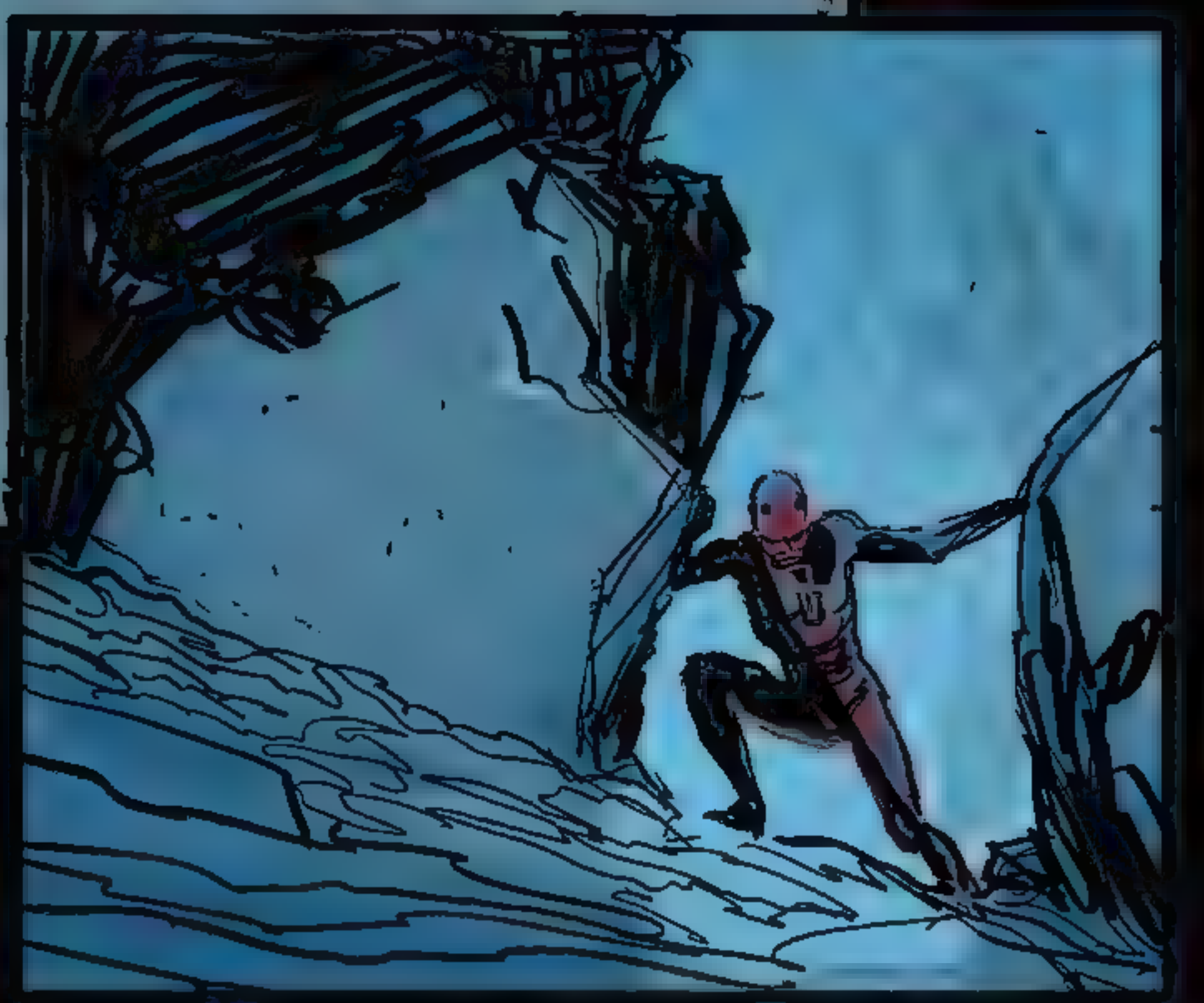
How long...
how long
was I...



That *scent*.
Evergreen
and...



Go, Matt!





Oh.



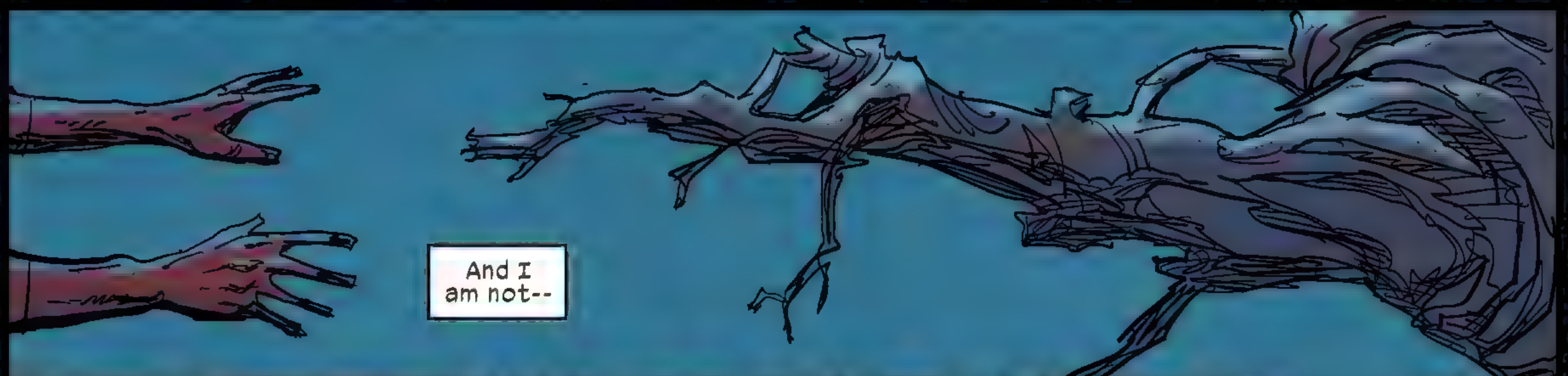
Can't...
quite...see...



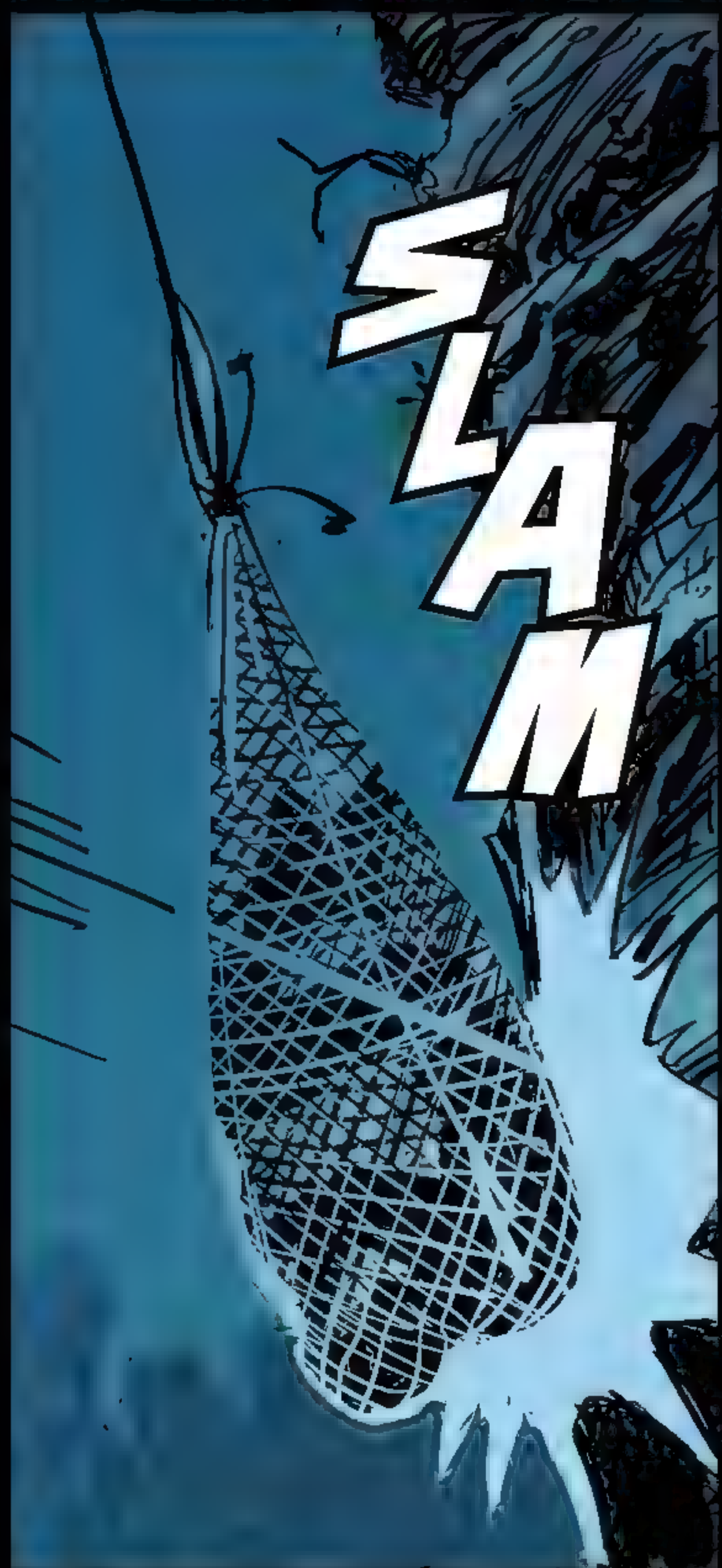
Doesn't matter. Have to
get...*clear*, before they
realize I'm...I'm gone.



I am
Daredevil.



And I
am not--







TO BE CONCLUDED!

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